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out his service record. The government mailed a copy of the record on to Bryant.

"In it was a copy of his enlistment with his X, his mark. Suddenly, we realized why there was an inconsistency in his writing and also his spelling. . . . He was illiterate."

Day had dictated his letters to three or four different comrades, whose handwriting and misspellings varied.

"He believed in the cause of the South, although he didn't like war. . . . His wife was constantly pleading for him to come home. He said he wanted to go home but his sense of duty prevented him from deserting."

"Of course, he was deeply sorrowed when one of his children died and he couldn't go home. He constantly sent home what pay he got. . . . He would say, 'No I don't need a blanket, what I have now is very sufficient.'"

That meant that he was going short on gear so that the family wouldn't have to supply anything from its own meager supplies.

When his daughter died, Day's letter said, "Almost Broke my heart to hear of the death of little Martha. . . . can not tell how bad it is to hear of such things about my family and be not allowed to see them."

Many letters stressed that the 54th was camped where there was good water. Yet, said Bryant, "that's what he died from, bad water."

Meanwhile, Day's wife worked in a factory and suffered sexual harassment, according to family stories.

In addition to using the National Archives, Bryant found books in the LDS Church Genealogical Library that detailed the action of North Carolina regiments during



**Photograph of Pvt. William Day is rare because he's shown holding a knife. The pose isn't typical of photos of the period.**

the Civil War. "That's where I learned about the outline of his unit's history," he said.

When the Civil War Times article was published, a North Carolina historian telephoned Bryant and said he was publishing a photographic history of Civil War soldiers from that state. He said he was surprised to see the photo, because photographs of that regiment's soldiers are extremely rare — in fact, this is only the fourth or fifth that he has seen.

Also, the picture is even rarer because Day is shown holding a weapon, which is not typical of an

1862-63 photograph. In addition, he does not appear haggard or starved, which indicates he had been eating well.

The sweetness in Day's demeanor or does not appear often in photographs of Confederates taken after 1863, the expert added.

In the years following the Civil War, Rebecca Day became a convert to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The son of Rebecca and William Day, John Dolphus Day, also a member of the LDS Church, traveled to Utah and settled in Tooele.



## I-80 accident:

Lacrosse players were driving home early Sunday from game in California.

**TOOELE** — Two members of the Brigham Young University lacrosse team were killed and two others were seriously injured Sunday morning in a roll-over in Tooele County.

**Killed in the accident were:**  
Samuel V. Ladd, 22, Gaithersburg, Md.

Douglas G. Dellastatious, 18, Centerville.

Matthew D. Clawson, 22, Provo, and Scott W. Cothran, 21, Annapolis, Md., were listed in serious condition at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center in Provo.

A Utah Highway Patrol dis-

patcher said the four men were returning from a lacrosse game in California at 5:30 a.m. when their car went out of control on I-80 near Aragonite, 56 miles east of the Utah-Nevada border.

The driver, Ladd, apparently fell asleep at the wheel and then overcorrected upon awakening, according to investigators. The vehicle left the road and rolled twice. Ladd was transported by air ambulance to University Hospital in Salt Lake City, where he was dead on arrival. Dellastatious was dead at the scene.

BYU spokesman Paul Richards said the 10-member team had traveled to the University of California at Davis in two vans and a car. Those traveling in the car chose to return to Utah Saturday night rather

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Rep. Wayne Owens cited the carving up of his district in his decision to run for the U.S. Senate.

## Owens will seek the seat



Single father Mike Fisk, with his three children.

## Tobacco victim